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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On the page after page 24 and before page 26 (copy attached), please insert page number - - 25 - -.

IN THE CLAIMS

9. (Amended) Mimotopes of any of the active peptides of Claim 1, characterized in that they display an antagonistic effect similar to them, but a longer average life in the body than the latter.

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